

Engaging Students in Learning Observation Form

Teacher _____ School _____ Date _____

Mentor _____ Room _____ Time _____ Students _____ Grade _____ Subject _____

O =Observed in class ✓=Recommendation

How does the teacher:	Observed Data
Connect prior knowledge with learning goals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help students connect to prior knowledge, life experience or cultural understandings? • Explain clear learning goals for all students? • Open a lesson or unit to capture attention? • Build on students' comments/questions to extend understanding? 	
Use a variety of instructional strategies and resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modify materials to support all students? • Use technology to support student learning? • Vary instructional strategies to increase active participation in learning? • Recognize and adjust when a lesson is falling apart, make on the spot changes? • Ask questions or facilitate discussion to clarify or extend students' thinking? 	
Provide experiences that promote autonomy, interaction and choice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide opportunities for independent and collaborative learning? • Provide positive interactions among all students? • Help students make decisions about managing time and materials 	
Engage students in problem solving and critical thinking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage multiple approaches and solutions? • Encourage students to ask critical questions and consider diverse perspectives about subject matter? • Help students analyze and draw valid conclusions about content? • Provide opportunities for students to learn and practice skills in meaningful contexts? 	
Promote self-directed, reflective learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage students to describe their own learning processes and progress? • Give students opportunities to examine and evaluate their own work/peers' work? • Help students learn to access information 	

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Teacher_____Course_____Date_____Time_____

During your class, I saw:

I heard:

I wonder:

Comments